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11, 1828, to be used on the arbitration of the North-East Boundary question. Also, a donation from the Department of State of a printed folio volume, containing the statement of the case on the part of the United States on that question, and printed in 1829.

Mr. BANCROFT requested the loan of certain of the medallions of the Society, for the purpose of having them engraved.

Voted, That the same be referred to the President and Cabinet-Keeper, with authority to grant the permission at their discretion.

Present — The President, C. F. Adams, Bancroft, Bartlett, Ellis, Felt, Francis, Gardner, Gibbs, Harris, Lowell, Pierce, Ripley, Shattuck, White, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1842.

Thursday, Jan. 27, 1842. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from Rev. Mr. Lunt, accepting his election as Resident Member at the September meeting, *vice* Rev. Dr. Cogswell.

The Librarian communicated donations from George Bancroft, Esq., Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, Hon. James Savage, Dr. Porter, of Plainfield, Rev. Dr. Palfrey, Samuel Wells, Esq., the American Philosophical Society, and the Independent Company of Cadets.

Rev. Dr. Harris nominated Rev. Charles Burroughs,

D.D., of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, for Corresponding Member.

The Librarian and Mr. FELT were appointed a committee to inquire if the copies of Hubbard's History now at the State House can be obtained for the Society.

Voted, That the memoir of the late Rev. Gideon Hawley, of Marshpee, now in the hands of Judge Davis, be placed, pursuant to his request, in the hands of the Publishing Committee.*

The Librarian made his quarterly report, by which it appears that the Library has been visited as heretofore, and that Mr. Snelling has indexed six large volumes of manuscripts during the quarter, making the whole number indexed by him since his first employment fifty-one.

Voted, That Rev. Lucius R. Paige's privilege of the use of the Library be extended three months from the expiration of his present privilege.

Present — The President, J. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gibbs, F. C. Gray, J. C. Gray, Harris, Hoar, Jenks, Lowell, Lunt, Pierce, Quincy, Shattuck, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Feb. 24, 1842. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

Donations were communicated from Hon. F. C. Gray, Professor Lovering, Mrs. William Sullivan, John D.

* This memoir was not published in the Society's Collections. A number of letters of this venerable missionary to the Indians exist in the Society's archives. — EDS.

Williams, Esq., Tappan & Dennett, the Independent Company of Cadets, President Quincy, Samuel Wells, Esq., J. Wingate Thornton, Esq., Historical Society of Quebec; and, from the Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences, a medal struck in honor of the Second Centennial Celebration at New Haven.

Mr. AUSTIN, from the Committee on the subject, communicated a correspondence with the Department of State, by which it appeared that none of the maps, &c., loaned by the Society to the United States Government can be found in the Department of State, except Faden's map, which was forwarded.* The Department also forwarded, as a donation, the unpublished "Statement of the Case" referred to the King of the Netherlands.

The Cabinet-Keeper was authorized to procure a frame for the daguerreotype plate of the old building, presented by Mr. F. C. Gray.

Rev. Dr. BURROUGHS was chosen a Corresponding Member of the Society.

Voted, That Messrs. Ticknor, Bancroft, and Ellis be a committee to examine and report upon the three manuscript volumes containing a list of the survivors of Bunker Hill battle who appeared at the celebration, June 17, 1825, and other matters therein contained.†

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* See the records under date of June, 1852. — EDS.

† These manuscripts were sent to the Society by Mr. Richard Sullivan, accompanied by the following letter: —

"Hon. JAMES SAVAGE, President of the
Massachusetts Historical Society.

"DEAR SIR, — The accompanying manuscripts, three in number, were in the possession of my brother William at the time of his decease. He left no directions respecting them, with a view to their preservation for public use, and they came into the hands of Mrs. Sullivan with all else in the house. She is now desirous to make such disposition of them as she thinks her husband would

Present — The President, Appleton, Austin, Bancroft, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gibbs, F. C. Gray, J. C. Gray, Harris, Lamson, Lowell, Pierce, Quincy, Shattuck, Ticknor, White, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, March 31, 1842. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian being absent, from sickness, no communication was made of donations.

Mr. TICKNOR, from the Committee appointed at the last meeting on the subject of the manuscript volumes containing a list of the survivors of Bunker Hill Battle, made an informal report on the matter. Whereupon,

It was moved by Mr. F. C. GRAY, and seconded, that the manuscripts be returned to the family of the late Mr. William Sullivan.

On motion of Judge DAVIS,

Voted, That the whole subject be laid upon the table until the next meeting.

Mr. WELLES having made a verbal communication to the Society of a conversation held by him with the late

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have done, had he recollected in his last illness that he had them in his keeping, and has directed me accordingly to request you to give them a place among the Collections of your Society.

"I am, dear Sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

"RICHARD SULLIVAN.

"BOSTON, Feb. 4, 1842." EDS.

Governor Brooks, relating to certain circumstances in the interview between Generals Washington and Lee,—

Voted, That Mr. Welles be requested to make a full statement in writing of the facts he has communicated.

The Committee on Lectures, by their Chairman, the Rev. Dr. Lowell, made a written report relating to the course of lectures had the last season, which was read, accepted, and placed on file; and by this it appeared that the whole amount of money received was $885; total expenses, $241.35; leaving net balance in the hands of the Committee of $643.65.*

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* The following is the Committee's report: —

"The Committee appointed by the Society to make provision for a course of lectures have performed the service, and report that the course was opened on the 22d of November by a lecture from the Hon. John Quincy Adams; subject, 'The War between England and China.'

"He was succeeded on the 29th of November by Rev. J. B. Felt; subject, 'Historical View of the Fasts and Thanksgivings of New England.'

"On the 6th of December, by Alden Bradford, Esq.; subject, 'The Discovery of North America and First Settlement of Massachusetts.'

"On the 13th of December, by Rev. William Jenks, D.D.; subject, 'Reflections on some Peculiarities in Character, Circumstances, and Conduct of the Early Fathers of New England.'

"On the 27th of December, by the Rev. Henry Giles; subject, 'The Spirit of Irish History and English Dominion.'

"On the 3d and 10th of January, 1842, by Rev. Charles Burroughs, D.D.; subject, 'Life of Sir William Pepperell, with an Account of the Siege of Louisburg in 1745.'

"On the 17th of January, by Hon. Francis Baylies; subject, 'The Expedition against Quebec under General Wolfe.'

"On the 24th of January, by Rev. William Cogswell, D.D.; subject, 'The History of Education in the United States.'

"On the 31st of January, by C. F. Adams, Esq.; subject, 'The Origin of Society.'

"On the 7th of February, by Hon. Emory Washburn; subject, 'The Life and Times of William Stoughton.'

"On the 14th of February, by Mr. John Lord; subject, 'The German Barbarians.'

"On the 21st of February, by Rev. C. Francis, D.D.; subject, 'The Visit of Bishop Berkeley to America.'

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to the lecturers respectively for the services rendered by them.

Messrs. LOWELL, SHATTUCK, C. F. ADAMS, FELT, and YOUNG were appointed a Committee on Lectures for the ensuing season, with full powers in their discretion to make provision for a course of lectures.

Present — The President, C. F. Adams, Appleton, Bancroft, Bartlett, Codman, J. Davis, Ellis, Felt, Francis, F. C. Gray, Gibbs, Lamson, Lowell, Lunt, Mitchell, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Shattuck, Ticknor, Welles, White, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1842.

Thursday, April 28, 1842. In the absence of the President, Mr. F. C. GRAY was chosen President *pro tempore*.

"Your Committee further report that the whole number of tickets printed was 1050; number sold, 885; given to lecturers, &c., 30; unsold, 135.

"That they received for tickets sold by Ticknor (559), Little & Brown (155), Crocker & Brewster (123), and at the door (48) . . . $885.00

"That they paid for sale of tickets	$13.00	
" " printing tickets	7.50	
" " notices, 'Evening Journal'	1.35	
" " " 'Transcript'	9.00	
" " " 'Daily Advertiser'	13.50	
" " Rev. Mr. Giles for lecture	15.00	
" " lecture room and attendant, fourteen nights, at $13	182.00	
Total expenses	———	241.35
Balance on hand		$643.65

"Per order. CHARLES LOWELL."

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The record of the last meeting was read.

The Recording Secretary communicated a letter from the President, requesting to be excused from preparing a memoir of our late President, Hon. Thomas L. Winthrop, deceased; and nominating Rev. Dr. Jenks to perform that duty.* Whereupon,

Voted, To excuse the President, and that the Rev. Dr. Jenks be requested to prepare the memoir.†

The Corresponding Secretary communicated a letter from William H. Herndon, of Springfield, Illinois, asking information as to the objects of the Society, &c.‡

Mr. SNELLING, employed by our late Librarian, Rev. Dr. Harris, deceased, communicated to the Society a

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* Mr. Savage's letter, on file, is as follows: —

"BOSTON, 9th April, 1842.

"DEAR SIR, — At the meeting of the Historical Society, last week, I had resolved to mention my intended visit to England, for which my plan was to embark before the ensuing meeting. The long discussion we had on the Bunker Hill documents put it out of my head. Will you be so good as to give notice at the next meeting that it would give me pleasure to receive from any member specific commands, and that, if possible, they shall be obeyed. My address will be to the care of Samuel S. Gair, Esq., Liverpool.

"For this apology you should not have the trouble of this request, were it not also that you may at the same time express my desire to be discharged from the obligation of preparing a memoir on the late President, my friend, Hon. Thomas L. Winthrop. Rev. Dr. Jenks will do it with far better effect and equal satisfaction to his own relations with the deceased. I did not think it respectful to the Society to make application to him personally, but hope no objection to my thus making public the nomination of such a successor, for so pious a duty, can arise. With high regard, yours,

"JAMES SAVAGE.

"JOSEPH WILLARD, Esq., Secretary of the
Massachusetts Historical Society." EDS.

† It has already been noticed that this memoir was prepared by Dr. Jenks. — EDS.

‡ Mr. Herndon's inquiry had reference to the formation of an Historical Society in his own State. He asked for a copy of this Society's Constitution and By-Laws, if printed, and solicited the gift of certain pamphlets, specifying lectures by sundry of our well-known citizens. — EDS.

statement of the bound manuscripts to which he had prepared an index, which communication was read and placed on file.*

Voted, That Rev. Mr. Paige's privilege of the use of the Library be extended six months from the expiration of his present term.

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* The following is Mr. John W. Snelling's statement, as placed on file: —

"*List of Bound Manuscripts, indexed.*

		No. Vols.
Governor Trumbull's manuscripts	22	
Less, done by the Librarian, the first ten	10	
	—	12
Governor Trumbull's Letter-Book. Two volumes		2
Governor Trumbull, Sr. Correspondence with Washington, &c.		1
Washington and Hancock. Letters to Governor Trumbull, Sr.		1
Mather's Manuscripts (Old South)		7
Ecclesiastical Law Case. Torrey *v.* Gardner (Old South)		1
Captain Moses Greenleaf's Papers		1
Rev. T. Prince's Papers		1
Letters to and from Rev. B. Colman. 1697 to 1776		1
Rev. B. Colman's Papers. 1708 to 1747		1
Letters and Papers. Boston. 1631 to 1783		1
Letters and Papers. Miscellaneous. 1632 to 1824		7
Governor Jonathan Belcher's Letters. 1731 to 1755		8
General Washington's Instructions, Letters, Doings of Congress, &c. 1775, 1776		1
General Washington and others. Letters. 1776		1
General Washington's Letters. 1776 to 1783		1
William Bollan's Papers. 1754 to 1785		1
Donations to Boston for the Sufferers by the Port Bill. 1774 and 1775		1
Letters, &c., from Boston Committee to sundry Persons, Towns, Counties, and Places, respecting Donations to Poor Sufferers by the Boston Port Bill. 1774, 1775, 1776		1
Letters from John Hancock. Sept. 15, 1775, to July 22, 1776		1
" " July 24, 1776, to Oct. 27, 1777		1
" " Nov. 7, 1780, to March, 1782		1
Letters and Papers collected by C. Mather and others. 1702 to 1792		1
Winslow's Journal. 1755, 1756		1
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William Samuel Johnson's Letters, in progress		1
Public Letters, from April 27, 1775, to Dec. 27, 1776		1
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Mr. TICKNOR, from the Committee appointed at the last February meeting on the subject of the manuscript volumes containing a list of the survivors of the Bunker Hill Battle, communicated a letter from the Hon. Richard Sullivan, which was read and ordered to be placed on record, and is as follows, viz.: —

"DEAR SIR, — I understand that you, with Mr. Bancroft and Mr. Ellis, are a Committee of the Historical Society to consider the degree of importance to be attached to some manuscripts relating to the battle of Bunker Hill, presented by me some weeks ago, in the light of historical documents. Whether I am exactly right as to the words of the commission is not material to the purpose of this note. Since the manuscripts were sent, I have had reason to think it was my brother's intention that the papers in question should never meet the public eye; that they were not prepared under authority from the Bunker Hill Monument Association, but at the suggestion of Mr. W. Sullivan, as matters of curiosity; but that as statements of facts I am now convinced, from a source to be relied upon, and as is also known to you, he considered them entitled to no credit. It is, therefore, my duty, under this information, to beg the favor of you, if consistent with your duty as a committee, to present a request from me to the Society that the manuscripts be returned to me, and in the mean time suspend your further action on the subject. In pursuing this course you will aid me in preventing some mischief which might otherwise grow from my own error in having supposed, when the manuscripts were presented, that they belonged to the public, and were procured under circumstances of some solemnity, and by a committee of the Bunker Hill Monument Association.

"Very respectfully, dear Sir, your obedient servant,

"RICHARD SULLIVAN.

"GEORGE TICKNOR, Esq.

"March (April ?) 8, 1842."

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. TICKNOR,

Voted, That, at the request of Hon. Richard Sullivan, as contained in his letter to Mr. G. Ticknor, dated March 8, 1842, the three manuscript volumes on the Battle of Bunker Hill, by him presented to this Society at its meeting in February last, be returned to him.*

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* The manuscripts sent to the Society by Mr. Richard Sullivan were depositions taken down, in 1825, from the lips of the survivors of the battle of Bunker Hill, who had been invited and who had assembled to witness the laying of the corner-stone of the Monument at Charlestown, on the 17th of June, in that year. One hundred and ninety of the soldiers of the Revolutionary War were present on that interesting occasion, and went in the procession, next to the escort, of which number forty were survivors of the battle. The directors of the Monument Association thought that this would be a good opportunity to secure the testimony of many actual participants in the action, as valuable historical evidence, that might settle doubtful questions of command and other vexed problems which had arisen, and be of service to the future historian of the battle. William Sullivan was one of the Directors, and appears to have taken part in procuring the depositions. Colonel Samuel Swett, who wrote a "Sketch of the Bunker Hill Battle," in 1818, which was severely handled by the critics, made use of these papers in later editions of his History. In December, 1825, he published "Notes to his Sketch of Bunker Hill Battle," gathered from various sources. Preceding the testimony of more than twenty persons, whose evidence is cited as part of his notes, he says: "The following evidence is from the statements taken down in writing by General Sullivan and other Directors of the Bunker Hill Monument, assisted by Judge Thacher and one or two other gentlemen, at the request of the Directors, from surviving soldiers of the battle, present at the celebration, the 17th June last." The Records of the Bunker Hill Monument Association, at p. 52, under date of July 12, 1825, say: "It was stated to the Directors by General Sullivan that he had possession of the papers containing the accounts given by the survivors of the battle of the 17th of June, 1775, and that he proposed to hold them subject to the inspection of the Directors exclusively."

In reply to a letter, addressed by the writer of this note to our associate, the Rev. George E. Ellis, D.D., one of the Committee to whom the three volumes of manuscripts were referred by the Society, he says that he had known of these papers having been in existence, and of Colonel Swett's having made use of them, when he (Dr. Ellis) wrote his Address on the Battle of Bunker Hill, in 1841, but he could not trace them. He remembered well the meetings of their Committee in Mr. Ticknor's Library, with Mr. Ticknor himself and Mr. Bancroft. "I took the books," he says, "to my house in Charlestown, and deliberately examined them. Their contents were most extraordinary, many of the testimonies extravagant, boastful, inconsistent, and utterly untrue, — mixtures of old men's broken memories and fond imaginings with the love of the marvellous. Some of those who gave in affidavits about the battle could not have been in it, nor even in its neighborhood. They had got so used to telling the story for the

And, thereupon, it was moved by Mr. WILLARD, that the same Committee be requested to report upon the historical character and value of the manuscripts. After some discussion upon the subject,

Voted, That the subject be laid over until the next meeting.

Rev. Dr. CODMAN introduced the following resolution, which was read and accepted: —

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God, in His wise and holy Providence, to remove from this life our revered and beloved associate, Rev. Dr. Harris;

Resolved, That this Society cherish a respectful and affectionate regard for his memory and his long and valuable services, and that the Rev. Dr. Pierce be requested to prepare a memoir for the Collections of the Society.*

The meeting then proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensuing year, — Messrs. FELT and ——, Scrutinizing Committee, who reported the following gentlemen to be duly elected, viz.: —

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wonderment of village listeners, as grandfathers' tales, and as petted representatives of 'the spirit of '76,' that they did not distinguish between what they had seen and done and what they had read, heard, or dreamed. The decision of the Committee was that much of the contents of the volumes was wholly worthless for history, and some of it discreditable, as misleading and false. The suggestion, as I remember, was made that the Committee report advising that the papers be burned. But this was not adopted. My impression now is that a recommendation was made and followed to this effect, — that there should be an entry made in the books, saying that they had been examined by a committee, who had passed judgment upon them, in substance as above, and that they be sealed up, and put away in our Cabinet. Till reading in your letter the statement that the books were returned to the Sullivan family, I was under the impression that we still had them, as I do not recall that return, and distinctly remember the advice of the Committee, which, it would appear, must have been overruled." Our associate, Mr. Thomas C. Amory, a relative of Mr. Richard Sullivan, is strongly of the impression that the papers, on their return to Mr. Sullivan, were destroyed by him. — EDS.

* Rev. Thaddeus Mason Harris, elected in August, 1792, died April 3, 1842. Dr. Pierce having failed to perform the service requested, a memoir was prepared by the Rev. Dr. Frothingham, which is in 4 Collections, I. 130–155. — EDS.

JAMES SAVAGE	PRESIDENT.
JOSEPH WILLARD	RECORDING SECRETARY.
CHARLES LOWELL	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
NAHUM MITCHELL	TREASURER.
JOSEPH B. FELT	LIBRARIAN.
ISAAC P. DAVIS	CABINET-KEEPER.
F. C. GRAY CONVERS FRANCIS ALEXANDER YOUNG GEORGE TICKNOR JOSEPH WILLARD	STANDING COMMITTEE.

Present — Codman, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gibbs, F. C. Gray, Hoar, Lowell, Lunt, Mitchell, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Shattuck, Ticknor, Tucker, White, Willard, and Young.

JOSEPH WILLARD,
Recording Secretary.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, May 26, 1842. In the absence of the President, Mr. F. C. GRAY was chosen President *pro tem.*

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Dr. Edward Jarvis, of Louisville, Dr. Woodward, of Franklin, Connecticut, Rev. Mr. Young, Mr. John Pickering, Mr. Lemuel Shattuck, J. Wingate Thornton, of Boston, and Mr. Theodore Clark, of St. Louis.

The Recording Secretary communicated a letter from Hon. Edward Everett, at London, accompanying a donation of the "Report of the Commissioners on the

Condition of the Unemployed Hand Weavers in Great Britain and Ireland," printed in 1841.

Messrs. I. P. DAVIS and CHARLES F. ADAMS were appointed a committee to examine and audit the Treasurer's accounts for the last year, and made the following report, viz.: —

The undersigned, a Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer, Nahum Mitchell, for the past year, having this day performed that service, report that the accounts are well kept, properly vouched, and correctly cast, and that there appears to be a balance of twenty-three dollars and thirty-eight cents due to him.*

I. P. DAVIS, } *Committee.*
C. F. ADAMS, }

BOSTON, May 26, 1842.

The Standing Committee nominated Rev. John Gorham Palfrey for re-election, *vice* Rev. Dr. Harris, deceased.

Mr. C. F. ADAMS presented to the Society several manuscripts, which were referred to the Publishing Committee.

Voted, That the motion made at the last meeting, relative to an inquiry into the true historical character and value of the Bunker Hill manuscripts be laid upon the table.

Present — C. F. Adams, Appleton, Bartlett, J. Davis, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gibbs, F. C. Gray, Lamson, Lunt, Shattuck, Shaw, Ticknor, Willard, and Young.

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* The receipts for the year amounted to $412.50. Of this sum, $216 were for the third note given on account of the Franklin Place estate; $25 for sales of publications; $3.50 for a sale of coal; and $168 for admission fees and assessments. The payments amounted to $514.18; namely, $354.81 for note and interest to Abigail Philips, borrowed in April, 1835; $56.40 for taxes; $10 for painting; and $92.97 for miscellaneous expenses. — EDS.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, June 30, 1842. In the absence of the President, Hon. Judge DAVIS was chosen President *pro tem.*

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from the General Court of Massachusetts, J. W. Thornton, Esq., the Editors of the "American Quarterly Register," Theron Metcalf and Aaron Hobart, Esqrs., Professor Sparks, Hon. James Draper, the National Institution for the Promotion of Science, and Rev. Mr. Young.

Rev. Dr. PALFREY was re-elected a Resident Member, *vice* Rev. Dr. Harris, deceased.

On motion of Rev. Mr. RIPLEY,

Voted, That the subject of the manuscripts of the Bunker Hill Battle be taken up.

After some discussion, the Chairman of the Committee being absent, and the meeting being a thin one, it was voted to postpone the subject to the next meeting.*

Present — J. Davis, Ellis, Felt, Jenks, Lamson, Mitchell, Pierce, Ripley, Shattuck, Willard, and Young.

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* The Records are silent as to any further action or discussion concerning these manuscripts, which, by a vote of the Society at a former meeting, were directed to be returned to Mr. Richard Sullivan. — EDS.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, July 28, 1842. In the absence of the President, Hon. F. C. GRAY was chosen President *pro tem.*

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Edward Jarvis, M.D., Hon. John Pickering, Rev. L. R. Paige, Rev. Dr. Palfrey, Hon. Levi Woodbury; also, deposits of sundry books, &c., from Robert Treat Paine, Esq., and a Bulkley picture and coat of arms, from Mr. Charles Ewer.*

Messrs. JOHN C. GRAY and FELT were appointed a committee to consider what order should be taken on the subject of books, pictures, and other articles deposited with the Society.

Mr. Bancroft had leave to take from the Library the manuscript volume of agent Johnson's letters.

Voted, That, in consequence of the meeting of the Alumni of Harvard University happening on the same day with the next meeting of the Society, — viz., August 23, the day before Commencement, — the Society's meeting be held on Monday, August 22, at 12 o'clock M.

Present — C. F. Adams, Bancroft, J. Davis, Ellis, Felt, Francis, F. C. Gray, J. C. Gray, Jenks, Lamson, Lowell, Lunt, Pierce, Ripley, Shattuck, Sparks, White, Willard, Worcester, and Young.

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* In the Donation Book of the Society this picture is entered as a "Portrait of Rev. Mr. Peter Bulkley"; also, "Family Arms of Bulkley"; and the word "deposited" was subsequently written against these entries. These articles were long since removed from the Library. — EDS.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Monday, Aug. 22, 1842. In the absence of the President, Judge DAVIS was chosen President *pro tem.*

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Hon. Nathan Appleton, J. Wingate Thornton, Esq., Rev. S. H. Riddel, the American Philosophical Society, J. P. Bigelow, Esq., Dr. Edward Jarvis, Morton & Griswold, R. M. Carey and I. K. Tefft, Esqrs.

Voted, To amend the record of the last meeting, by adding the name of Charles F. Adams to the Committee on the subject of books, pictures, and other articles deposited with the Society.

Judge DAVIS communicated a donation, made through Mr. N. G. Snelling, from a gentleman who does not wish his name known, of a letter from General Washington to General Sullivan, dated July 4, 1777, relative to some proposed military operations.*

Present — C. F. Adams, Codman, J. Davis, Felt, J. C. Gray, Greenleaf, Jenks, Palfrey, Ripley, White, Willard, and Worcester; also, Dr. Edward Jarvis, of Louisville, Kentucky, Corresponding Member.

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* This letter is dated "Head Quarters, Morristown, 4 July, 1777," and is addressed "To the Honourable Major General Sullivan, Pompton," Passaic Co., New Jersey. Washington directs General Sullivan, on his arrival at Pompton, to halt his division until the intentions of the enemy are known. He has reason to think they intend to move, as most of the shipping has been transferred from Staten Island to New York. Sullivan is to watch the movements of the enemy and inform General Putnam of his being at Pompton; and on certain contingencies he is directed to give Washington immediate information. — EDS.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Sept. 29, 1842. In the absence of the President, Hon. SAMUEL HOAR was chosen President *pro tem.*

Donations were communicated from Hon. Messrs. Nathan Appleton and Levi Woodbury, Rev. Dr. Cogswell, Dr. Mease, George Hood, Esq., Charles F. Sedgwick, Esq., Count Jacob Grăberg, and William T. Waldo, Esq.

Mr. J. C. GRAY, from the Committee appointed at the last July meeting on the subject of books, pictures, and other articles deposited with the Society, made a report, which was read, and the first article thereof, as follows, was adopted, viz.: —

Voted, That no book, picture, or other article shall be received on deposit until a vote be passed to that effect by the Society, and all articles so received shall be at the risk of the owners.

Voted, To lay the report on the table.

Present — C. F. Adams, Bartlett, I. P. Davis, Felt, Francis, Gibbs, J. C. Gray, Hoar, Jenks, Lamson, Lewis, Palfrey, Shattuck, Willard, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Oct. 27, 1842. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

Judge White nominated George A. Ward, Esq., of New York, and the President nominated Rev. Joseph

Hunter, of London, and Richard Almack, Esq., of Long Melford, Suffolk, England, for Corresponding Members.

The Librarian communicated donations from Dr. Edward Jarvis, the President, F. C. Gray, Esq., Dr. Palfrey, and Hon. J. Q. Adams.

The stated day for the next meeting being the day of the next Annual Thanksgiving,

Voted, That the next meeting be held on the third Thursday in November next.

Mr. SNELLING, as an assistant in the Library, made his quarterly report of his services, which was read.*

Voted, That the Librarian furnish at the next meeting a list of all deposits of books, pictures, and all other articles in the possession of the Society, made up to the time of the last meeting.

The report of the committee on the subject of deposits, adopted in part at the last meeting, was then taken up, and the second article, after some amendments, was adopted, as follows, viz.: —

The Librarian shall cause this vote (viz., the one adopted at the last meeting) to be printed in some convenient form, and shall give notice of the rule to all persons offering articles as deposits.

Present — The President, C. F. Adams, J. Q. Adams, Codman, J. Davis, Felt, Gardner, Gibbs, F. C. Gray, J. C. Gray, Lowell, Pierce, Shattuck, White, and Willard.

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* This report is not on file. — EDS.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Nov. 17, 1842. The President in the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Dr. PALFREY was chosen Secretary *pro tem.*

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Corresponding Secretary read a communication from Alexander Gardiner, of New York, relating to an account of Lion Gardiner, in an extract from a letter of Nov. 10, 1842.

Voted, To commit the same to the Publishing Committee, and to request them to accompany the publication of the manuscript with some explanation of the circumstances now brought to the notice of the Society.*

Mr. F. C. GRAY presented a manuscript, Laws of Massachusetts, 1641, and it was voted to refer it to the Committee of Publication.†

Voted, That a committee be raised to consider the expediency of making arrangements for a public commemoration in the coming year of the second centennial anniversary of the confederation of the New England Colonies.

Voted, That the Committee consist of five; viz., The President, Dr. Palfrey, F. C. Gray, Dr. Lowell, and Judge Davis.

Voted, To proceed to act on the nomination of George A. Ward, Esq., of New York, Rev. Joseph Hunter, of London, and Richard Almack, Esq., of Long Melford, Suffolk, England, as Corresponding Members.

And they were unanimously elected.

The Librarian communicated donations from Dr. Edward Jarvis, Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, Rev. Reuben

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* See 3 Collections, X. 173–185. — EDS.

† Printed in 3 Collections, VIII. 191–237. — EDS.

Brown, Rev. Samuel H. Riddel, Hon. John Q. Adams, and Hon. F. C. Gray.

Present — The President, C. F. Adams, J. Q. Adams, Appleton, Bartlett, J. Davis, Ellis, Felt, Francis, Gibbs, Greenleaf, Hoar, Jenks, Lamson, Lowell, Lunt, Mitchell, Palfrey, Pierce, Ripley, White, and Young.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Dec. 29, 1842. The President in the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, CHARLES F. ADAMS, Esq., was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*

The record of the last meeting was read.

Messrs. FELT and TICKNOR were appointed a committee to consider the propriety of amending the tenth article of the first chapter, touching the mode of notifying members.

Mr. SAVAGE, from the Committee appointed at the last meeting on the subject of a celebration of the second centennial anniversary of the confederation of the New England Colonies, reported in favor of a celebration, and that it should be had on the twenty-ninth day of May next, at noon, that being the day on which the ratification of the Articles of Confederation was made by the Colony of Massachusetts Bay, making allowance for the difference of style; and that a discourse on the occasion should be delivered before the Society by some member, to be selected for the purpose, to which all persons interested and desirous of attending should be invited. Whereupon,

Voted, To accept the report, and that the selection of the individual to make the discourse contemplated in the report be left to the same Committee, together with all the arrangements necessary, and the invitations.

Mr. SAVAGE presented manuscript Gleanings for New England.

Voted, To refer the same to the Publishing Committee.*

President QUINCY was appointed to prepare for the Society a memoir of Mr. Grahame.†

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* They are printed in 3 Collections, VIII. 243. — EDS.

† James Grahame, LL.D., the author of the "History of the United States," was elected a Corresponding Member in October, 1829. He seems not for a number of years to have been aware of his election. His residence from 1830 to the year of his death, in 1842, was at or near Nantes, in France, and advices may have miscarried. At the October meeting in 1836 (see p. 57), the Corresponding Secretary read the following letter from him, written on the receipt of the first intelligence of his election. Mr. Quincy's memoir was printed in 3 Collections, IX. 2–41.

"L'EPERONNIÈRE, NEAR NANTES, FRANCE,
30th July, 1836.

"SIR, — I have only now been informed of the honor conferred on me by the Massachusetts Historical Society, in electing me one of its members. The Society's diploma, announced in your letter, has not yet reached my hands; but a friend of mine in London, to whom the parcel was confided, has examined and acquainted me with its valuable contents, and will take the earliest opportunity that may present itself of transmitting them to me.

"Pray convey to your colleagues in that learned body my gratified acceptance of this testimony of their approbation, and my respectful thanks for the association to which they have admitted me. Had I known this at an earlier period, I might have been enabled to grace my own name and the title-page of my late publication with the addition which you and your friends have given me a right to employ. But, though the sale of my work be very slow, and my health in a very broken condition, I may, perhaps, yet have the happiness to see that omission supplied in another edition.

"My warmest good wishes shall be for the continued usefulness and repute of the Massachusetts Historical Society; and, if I ever find an occasion of co-operating with its interesting designs, I shall gladly avail myself of it.

"I am, Sir, your very much obliged and faithful servant,

"J. GRAHAME.

"Dr. CHARLES LOWELL, Corresponding Secretary
of the Massachusetts Historical Society,
North America."

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Donations were communicated by the Librarian from Rev. James Freeman Clarke, American Philosophical Society, S. N. Dickinson, George A. Ward, J. Bingham, and Samuel Bradford, Esqrs., and Hon. James Savage.

MONTHLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1843.

Thursday, Jan. 26, 1843. The President in the chair.

The record of the last meeting was read.

The Librarian communicated donations from Mr. Ebenezer Clapp, Hon. Daniel Webster, Hon. Levi Woodbury, the American Philosophical Society, and Rev. Dr. Palfrey.

Mr. SAVAGE, from the Committee on the subject, reported that the Committee had invited the Hon. John Quincy Adams to deliver the discourse at the Second Centennial Celebration of the Confederation of the New England Colonies, on the twenty-ninth day of May next, and that he had accepted the invitation.*

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* The following correspondence is on file: —

"WASHINGTON, 4 Jan., 1843.

"Hon. JAMES SAVAGE, President of the Massachusetts Historical Society, and Chairman of their Committee, Boston.

"DEAR SIR, — I accept with some and not a little diffidence the honor bestowed on me by the invitation to deliver the discourse before the Society on the 29th of May next, in celebration of the second century completed since the first confederation of the four Colonies of New England. But, in collecting the materials for the narrative, I must rely almost entirely upon you. My reading upon that portion of our history has been slight, — confined chiefly to Hutchinson, and even that not fresh in my memory. I will be obliged to you first for a minute of the books where the sources of information are to be found, and of the manuscripts, if such there be, in the collections of the Soci-